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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 9, 2015

DATE: May 29, 2015
TO: Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Washoe County District Attorney
Paul A. Lipparelli, Assistant District Attorney

THROUGH: Nancy Parent, Washoe County Clerk

SUBJECT: Request by the Washoe County District Attorney through the Washoe County Clerk pursuant to Washoe County Code 2.030 to direct the Clerk to submit to the District Attorney requests for preparation of proposed ordinances which are made necessary by new or amended laws from the 78th Nevada Legislature (2015). (All commission districts.)

SUMMARY

Request for permission to prepare county code amendments to amend the county code to conform to the new laws passed by the Nevada Legislature.

BACKGROUND

A Washoe County elected or appointed official or department head is authorized by WCC 2.030 through 2.060 to present to the county clerk a written request to amend the county code. The request is required to state generally the applicable existing provisions of the code and the substance of all amendments desired. The board of county commissioners then may, by majority vote of the members in attendance, approve the request, with any changes the board desires and directs the clerk to submit the request to the district attorney for preparation of a proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance is then presented to the board of county commissioners for first and second readings and if adopted becomes part of the county code.

After every biennial session of the Nevada Legislature changes in state law require counties to amend their county codes to conform to new and amended laws. Rather than submitting individual requests for each new law or group of new laws, this request is made to allow the bills proposing changes to county code to be brought to the Board for consideration as they are prepared by the Washoe County District Attorney. As of May 22, 2015 Governor Sandoval has signed over 130 adopted bills some of which are effective upon passage and many are effective July 1 or October 1, 2015. Having this authorization from the Board will allow county ordinance bill drafting to begin immediately.

Changes to the Washoe County Code which are requested at the discretion of the designated public officials would continue to be presented to the Board individually. This proposed authorization would not alter that usual process and applies only to county code changes mandated by the passage of legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT

Preparing ordinances is part of the regular duties of the District Attorney. No additional fiscal impact is created by the approval of this item.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval is recommended of the request by the Washoe County District Attorney through the Washoe County Clerk pursuant to Washoe County Code 2.030 to direct the Clerk to submit to the District Attorney requests for preparation of proposed ordinances which are made necessary by new or amended laws from the 78th Nevada Legislature (2015).

POSSIBLE MOTION

I move approval of the request by the Washoe County District Attorney through the Washoe County Clerk pursuant to Washoe County Code 2.030 to direct the Clerk to submit to the District Attorney requests for preparation of proposed ordinances which are made necessary by new or amended laws from the 78th Nevada Legislature (2015).